

**TENNESSEE
PRIVATE PROBATION SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DATE: June 6, 2008

PLACE: Davy Crockett Tower – Room 640
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee

PRESENT: Board Members:
Judge Chris Craft, Chairman
Dena McCollough
Judge John Hudson
Judge Hugh Harvey

PRESENT: Staff Members:
Donna Hancock, Interim Director
Adrian Chick, Staff Attorney
Judy Elmore, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Sean Hollis
Jay Colton
Trey King, State Attorney General's Office

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Craft called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

Interim Director Donna Hancock called the roll.

MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Dena McCollough and seconded by Judge John Hudson to *approve the minutes of March 7, 2008 meeting as presented.*

MOTION CARRIED.

**APPLICANTS REQUESTING APPROVAL AS A PROBATION OFFICER SUBSTITUTING
EXPERIENCE FOR THE COLLEGE DEGREE:**

CEO Tony Brewer of Tennessee Judicial Court Support appeared on behalf of the following applicants:

Matthew Liotta

Mr. Brewer, CEO of Tennessee Judicial Court Support, had previously submitted a request that Mr. Liotta be approved to provide probationary service. Mr. Liotta was substituting his experience in place of the Degree to be a probation officer. Mr. Brewer submitted additional information pertaining to his counseling experience. After a discussion and a review of the additional information the consensus of the Council Members was to request additional background information to prove Mr. Liotta's counseling experience.

Annette Gobbell

Mr. Brewer, CEO of Tennessee Judicial Court Support had previously submitted a request that Ms. Gobbell be approved to provide probationary service. Ms. Gobbell was substituting her experience in place of the Degree to be a probation officer. Mr. Brewer submitted additional information pertaining to Ms. Gobbell's counseling experience.

MOTION was made by Judge Lauderback and seconded by Judge Harvey to grant the request.

MOTION CARRIED

LEGAL REPORT---ADRIAN CHICK, STAFF ATTORNEY**DISCLAIMER**

The Board is in no way responsible for the legal report. The report is presented to the Board by the Staff Attorney (Adrian Chick).

1. Case No. L-07-PSC-RBS-2007067331

Complaint: This complaint alleges that the Respondent private probation entity employs a probation officer that does not meet the qualifications set forth in Rule 1177-1-.06(b) of the Council's rules and was presented at the March 7, 2008 meeting. The Council approved a civil penalty of \$1000.00.

Response: The Respondent claims that the employee in question has been approved by the Council as a probation officer. The Council has requested documentation of such approval on two occasions but has received none.

Complaint History: None

Recommendation: Based on new information that verifies Respondent's response Legal recommends that the case be dismissed.

Upon discussion of the complaint, the Council determined to defer this complaint until the September 5, 2008 meeting and to request additional information from the Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES---INTERIM DIRECTOR

Interim Director Hancock presented the Council with the open complaint report. She stated that the Private Probation Service Council has 1 open complaint. The 1 complaint is over 180 days old.

The next item presented was a "break down of Private Probation entities and officers". She stated that there were thirty-three private probation entities and two hundred-sixteen registered CEO's and Probation Officers.

Director Hancock then presented the Council with a budget report showing the revenue and the expenses. She stated the Council was operating at a deficit.

REQUEST FROM TONY BREWER, TENNESSEE JUDICIAL COURT SUPPORT

Mr. Brewer had corresponded with Director Hancock pertaining to the new law to be enacted on July 1, "the person in charge of the litter grant program, or the office of probation will now supervise the DUI litter pickup, removing the Sheriff of the County from the responsibility".

He stated he was curious if they should receive some direction from the Council on the best way to handle this supervision with regard to safety, fees for supervision employment, etc.

The discussion was held and the consensus of the Council was to request the probation company contact their lawyer or the local Judge.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

MOTION was made by Judge Lauderback and seconded by Judge Hudson to adjourn.

Judge Chris Craft, Chairman

J. Klyne Lauderback, Vice Chairman